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To: Science Advisory Team

Blue Ribbon Task Force MLPA Initiative Team

From: Petrolia delegation

We are a group of community-members who represent the interests of the Mattole since the area was not accorded a Stakeholder in the MLPA process.

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Re: request that the three proposed Petrolia MPAs be considered a backbone "high protection" MPA cluster

Summary:

The attached document supports our request to consider the three proposed Petrolia MPAs as a cluster for the purposes of SAT and BRTF evaluation. The three MPAs reflect a creative, community-supported approach and were designed to function together to achieve a high level of compliance with SAT guidelines and BRTF direction while respecting socio-cultural considerations. The following pages set forth supporting evidence. At a minimum we ask that the SAT carefully considers – and adaptively incorporates into their NCSR array evaluations – the Petrolia MPAs' potential synergistic benefits in terms of protecting biodiversity and populations.

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Dear SAT,

Our request to count the three Petrolia MPAs as a cluster is consistent with the intent of the science guidelines and the spirit, if not the exact letter, of the Marine Protection Act. The letter of the law stipulates that only MPAs sharing borders can be considered a cluster, and our three MPAs, while in very close proximity, do not actually share borders. However, as demonstrated by the facts detailed below, these three neighboring MPAs will function largely as a single protected area or "cluster". This 32.8 square-mile cluster replicates 8 of the 9 key habitats in the North Coast Study Region (NCSR). In fact, each of the cluster's three constituent MPAs:

- replicates at least 3 key habitats
- is above the minimum size requirement (at 10.3, 11, and 11.5 square miles)
- is only 5 ½ or 3 miles away from its neighboring cluster MPA
- is at the highest level of protection (SMR)
- captures unique or rare habitats in the NCSR (e.g. kelp, rookery, sea lion colony, or canyon).

We submit that the Petrolia complex functions as a complex and that it can be validly viewed as a backbone MPA of the NCSR network.

The following pages set forth supporting evidence. We compare our three-MPA complex to the single, large Gorda MPA that appeared on all eight external arrays during Round 1. We realize that the NCSR Stakeholder group used to enjoy a calm moment of consensus when discussing the Mattole-Gorda area on their arrays proposals – until we showed up and shot holes through one of the only MPAs that generously fulfilled the science guidelines and was agreed upon by the whole RSG. The following pages show that the Petrolia community's MPA complex does not jeopardize the scientific solidarity of the Stakeholder's arrays. Instead, it meets the science guidelines as well as, and often better than, the Round 1 external arrays' Gorda MPAs.

If the SAT cannot formally evaluate the Petrolia complex as a "cluster", we respectfully request that the SAT will at least strive to develop a model that articulates, or even quantifies, the MPAs' cluster-like function. We believe the goals of the MLPA will be best served if the SAT adapts their evaluation of the NCSR arrays to reflect the Petrolia complex's cluster-like function. Most importantly, we hope the SAT's evaluations of the NCSR arrays will incorporate Petrolia complex's replication of its 8 key habitats.

It is our sincere hope that you – the SAT and BRTF – will carefully consider our request. The Petrolia community is willing to give up our traditional marine harvest activities in over 30 square miles of the only coastal access within 2 hours of driving time. Steamboat and Sea Lion Gulch, for example, are both favorite local diving and fishing locations, but we are willing to enclose these in SMRs. We are a conservation-minded community, basically in favor of the MPA network concept. We believe, based on the facts presented below, that our "complex" of three MPAs will provide a stronger, more comprehensive, higher level of protection at the center of the NCSR network than the single, large Gorda MPA proposed on the eight external arrays.

Essentially, our Petrolia complex increases the whole NCSR network's ability to meet the science guidelines, and it does so without imposing an unacceptably disproportionate socio-cultural impact on the Mattole community. Sustainable subsistence harvest from the ocean is a defining aspect of our lifestyle and culture in the Mattole Valley. We want to conserve these resources for future generations, but not at the cost of losing access to them altogether.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Please do not hesitate to contact us.

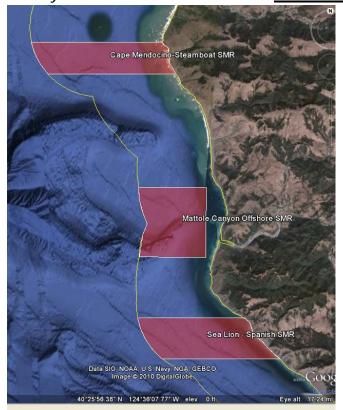
Best regards,

Stephen, Patrick, Abi, Cisco, Jeff (on behalf of the Petrolia community and neighbors)

¹ Draft Methods, p. xii. See a list of full reference citation on p. 7.

• Maps²

These shapes were drawn in early May and then adjusted to accommodate the concerns of the stakeholders as expressed in the Ruby room's discussions at the RSG work session on May 19th in Crescent City. The Petrolia community will accept further adjustments of these MPAs' borders as required by the Stakeholders and the SAT, but only within the limitations set forth in "Addendum A" at the end of this document (pp. 11-12).



<-- Petrolia cluster:

Cape Mendocino – Steamboat SMR: 10.3 sq mi

5.60 miles

Mattole Canyon Offshore SMR: 11 sq mi

2.95 miles

Sea Lion - Spanish SMR: 11.5 sq mi



view of Petrolia cluster as NCSR backbone (above)



view of external arrays' Gorda MPA as NCSR backbone (above)

² These MPAs are shared on Marine Map under "share with all north coast marine map users > Abi Queen > marine protected areas".

Science guidelines

Habitat replication

The proposed Petrolia MPA cluster replicates 8 of the 9 of the NCSR key habitats.³ This replication is equal to what the single, large Gorda MPAs achieved, as proposed by the external arrays during Round 1.⁴ See "Table 1" below.

Table 1: Petrolia complex habitat replication⁵

	90%	Petrolia complex total	external Gorda MPAs (19 sq mi)	Cape Mendocino – Steamboat SMR (10.3 sq mi)	Mattole Canyon Offshore SMR (11 sq mi)	Sea Lion – Spanish (11.5 sq mi)
rocky shore, offshore rocks	.55	3.79*	3.10	1.09	0	2.70
kelp	1.1	.19	.38	0	0	.19
rocky reef 0-30m	1.1	.91	1.81	.24	.26	.41
15m iso.**		.81	1.47	.15	.54	.12
rocky reef 30-100m	.13	6.8	.89	3.2	.57	3.03
rocky reef <100m	.13	.27	.19	0	.15	.12
beaches	1.1	1.19	3.30	.09	0	1.16
soft bottom 0-30m	1.1	4.04	3.49	1.46	.16	2.42
15m iso.**			3.92	1.57	.37	2.73
soft bottom 30-100m	5	14.96	8.44	4.46	6.12	4.38
soft bottom >100m	1	4.64	5.45	0	3.43	1.21

^{*}numbers in bold indicate where the Petrolia cluster captures more key habitat than the representative external arrays' Gorda MPA

- Rocky reef 0-30m:

The Petrolia complex comes within .19 miles of meeting the rocky reef 0-30m habitat threshold. This habitat is difficult to replicate in the northern bioregion: no other MPA comes within half of the 0-30 hard bottom threshold. Petrolia would be willing to adjust the borders of their MPAs – *within the important limits set forth in the attached "Addendum A"*— to gain another .19 miles of 0-30 hard bottom. However, that would fatally compromise the DFG enforcement feasibility of our shapes by moving their borders off of clear visual landmarks or full minutes of latitude. If the SAT or other stakeholders can negotiate a way to meet this threshold or to consider it met *without violating our limits*, we are willing to accept any reasonable solution. Perhaps the SAT, in view of the approximate nature of the Marine Map data in this category (a remotely generated, proxy extrapolation), would agree to round up our .91 miles up to 1 mile, and accept it as sufficient.

^{** 15}m iso. is not a not key habitat; for reference only

³ Key habitats for the NCSR listed in *Draft Methods*, pp. 29-30; habitat replication thresholds listed in 'Table ES-2', *Draft Methods*., pp. x-xi. (I'm assuming that what the *Draft Methods* tables call "rocky reef" is what Marine Map calls "hard bottom"?)

⁴ Our calculations – in Table 1 and throughout the rest of this letter – are based on the Gorda MPA of external array F, which, at 19.3 square miles, is fairly representative of the other external arrays' Gorda MPAs. A couple of the arrays have slightly larger MPAs at Gorda, and some have smaller ones. This is based on the arrays that were evaluated during Round 1.

⁵ The values for "rocky shore, offshore rocks" and "beaches" are skewed because about almost 1 mile of the "rocky shore" Marine Map tabulates for the Sea Lion – Spanish SMR is actually "beaches".

⁶ see discussion of "beaches", this page

- Beaches:

According to Marine Map, the complex fails to replicate "beaches". However, Marine Map's "resolution may be insufficient to resolve intermixed habitats (e.g. beaches interspersed with rocky outcrops) in some areas". Marine Map and the North Coast Regional Profile show only rocky shores from Sea Lion Gulch south to Spanish Flat, but *in reality*, there is a 1.1 mile stretch of sandy beach between Cooskie Creek and Randall Creek. We hike there a lot, and it is indisputably sandy beach (definitely not rocky shore) from just above Cooskie Creek to Randall Creek where it turns back to rocky shore for a while. One or two spurs of rock from the cliffs break the mile-long continuum of sandy beach – constituting an area of "intermixed habitats" which probably accounts for Marine Map's error. You can even see the sandy shore quite clearly on Google Earth. It seems methodologically sound to reflect this real, verifiable data in the Sea Lion – Spanish SMR's habitat representation values. Reflecting this data would also be consistent with the BRTF guidance that "stakeholder input and local knowledge is important, and should be used to supplement the best readily available scientific information." It is also relevant that all the beaches from the Mattole mouth south are already protected as a BLM wilderness area.

- Kelp

Neither the Round 1 Gorda MPA nor the Petrolia complex captures a replicate of kelp. In the northern bioregion, the only area of kelp large enough to approach even halfway to the 1.1 mile 90% threshold is at Crescent City – which means it cannot be captured in the MPA network because it is within 10 miles of a port. No northern bioregion MPA will capture anywhere near the 1.1 mile kelp replicate. The Petrolia complex straddles the boundary between the NCSR's northern and southern bioregions (at the mouth of the Mattole). The complex stretches 9 miles into the northern bioregion and 5 miles into the southern bioregion. Therefore, perhaps the kelp it captures at Sea Lion Gulch could be counted toward meeting the challenging goal of replicating kelp in the northern bioregion.

- Comparison to Round 1 Gorda MPA: Like the external arrays' Round 1 Gorda MPA, the Petrolia complex replicates 8 of the 9 key habitats. The complex captures larger amounts of 5 habitat replicates (in **bold** in Table 1).

- Each of the constituent complex MPA replicates at least 3 key habitats:
 - Cape Mendocino Steamboat SMR
 - rocky shores and offshore rocks, at 1.09 > .55
 - hard rock 30-100m, at 3.2 > .13
 - soft bottom 0-30m, at 1.46 > 1.1
 - [soft bottom 30-100m, at 4.46 almost = 5]
 - Mattole Canyon Offshore SMR
 - hard rock 30-100m, at .57 > .13
 - hard rock 100-3000m, at .15 > .13
 - soft 30-100m, at 6.12 > 5
 - soft bottom >100m, at 3.43 > 1

⁷ *Draft Methods*, "Table 4-1", p. 32. *Draft Methods* then states that in spite of its inability to distinguish between beaches and rocky shores in some areas, this tool is "appropriate for assessing both the length and proportion of habitat included in MPA proposals". This would seem to run counter to the BRTF guidance as cited below, n. 8.

⁸ This is not intended to denigrate Marine Map, which is a fabulous tool for many applications.

⁹ This BRTF guidance was reaffirmed at the May 3-4, 2010 BRTF Meeting in Crescent City, as reported in "meeting highlights", *MLPAI North Coast News*, vol. 4.

- Sea Lion Spanish SMR
- rocky shores and offshore rocks, at 2.70 > .55
- hard rock 30-100m, at 3.03 > .13
- [hard rock >100m, at .12 almost = .13]
- beaches, at 1.11 > 1.1
- soft bottom 0-30m, at 2.42 > 1.1
- [soft bottom 30-100m, at 4.38 almost = 5]
- soft bottom >100m, at 1.21 > 1

Unique or rare habitats in the NCSR

Unique or rare habitats captured by the Petrolia complex:

- seabird colonies at Steamboat and Sea Lion Gulch (not captured by Round 1 Gorda MPA)
- sea lion colony at Sea Lion Gulch (not captured by Round 1 Gorda MPA)
- kelp at Sea Lion Gulch (Round 1 Gorda MPA captures kelp near the river mouth)
- the only canyon in the northern bioregion (Mattole Canyon)

o Size

The Petrolia complex is 32.8 square miles, well into the preferred size range. Each of its constituent MPAs is over 10 square miles in size (above the minimum requirement of 9 square miles). 10

The gaps between the three MPAs in the complex are 5 ½ and 3 miles. It is unlikely that fishing vessels would make the 15 mile trip south from Eureka or 20 mile trip north from Shelter Cove (the two closest ports) just to fish those tiny brackets between the Petrolia MPAs. So, for all species except those impacted by shore-based fisheries (including small zodiacs and kayaks launched onshore), the three Petrolia MPAs will function ecologically as a cluster.

The Petrolia complex, viewed as a cluster, is at the upper end of the SAT's preferred size range and provides the highest level of protection (no allowed uses). 11

Spacing

The Petrolia complex improves spacing for the NCSR network because its northern and southern boundaries are about 10 miles further north and 5 miles further south than the Round 1 Gorda MPAs. From the Round 1 Gorda MPA, the distance to the next SMR north (Redding Rock) is 71 miles (far outside the minimum spacing requirements); 12 with the Petrolia complex, the distance to Redding Rock is 63 miles (very close to meeting spacing requirements). From the Round 1 Gorda MPA, the distance to the next SMR south (Ten Mile) is 59 miles; with the Petrolia cluster, the distance to Ten Mile is 49 miles. 13

MLPA Goals 1-6¹⁴

o Goals 1 & 2

Overall, the Petrolia complex serves to "protect the natural diversity and function of the marine ecosystem" and to "sustain and restore marine life populations" by replicating every NCSR key habitat. The complex captures 7.6 times more hard rock 30-100m than the Round 1 Gorda MPA. The complex captures more rocky

¹² Spacing guidelines at *Draft Methods*, p. 48.

¹⁰ Size requirements discussed in *Draft Methods*, at pp. xi-xii, 38, 45.

¹¹ Draft Methods, p. 61.

¹³ Of course these numbers may change if the Petrolia MPA borders are adjusted.

¹⁴ Summaries of these goals are cited from Airame, "Science Guidelines", p. 2.

¹⁵ Replication of key habitats achieves goal 1, as discussed in *Draft Methods*, pp. 29, 31.

shore and offshore rocks, more hard rock >100m, more soft bottom 0-30m, and more soft bottom 30-100m (almost twice as much), compared to the Round 1 Gorda MPA. These habitats are crucial for the lifecycles of the suite of seven species used to "evaluate the effectiveness of alternative MPA proposals". 16

Some studies have shown that a closer-spaced network of smaller MPAs is more effective than a more loosely-spaced network of larger MPAs.¹⁷ If this is so, the Petrolia complex would achieve the highest level of protection in the entire NCSR.

The Cape Mendocino – Steamboat SMR helps "restore marine life populations" (see discussion below, "Addendum A", p. 12), in an area unprotected by the external arrays.

The Petrolia complex achieves Goals 1 and 2 better than the alternative large Gorda MPA of the external arrays.

o Goal 3

The Petrolia complex helps to "improve recreational, educational, and study opportunities in areas with minimal human disturbance" in the Cape Mendocino to Punta Gorda area. Hardly any data about the marine life in the area has been collected. It is difficult for researchers to find safe anchorage, or to plan for the long trip from the nearest ports at Eureka or Shelter Cove due to unpredictable weather patterns. You have to be ready to take the long trip at the drop of a hat when the weather suddenly turns good. (These are the same reasons that fishermen rarely come out to Mattole-Gorda from these ports). Sea Lion Gulch provides one of the only feasible mooring locations along this stretch of coast. Capturing this cove in an SMR may help facilitate on-site study and monitoring of a biologically rich area that has not been closely monitored or studied before.

As stated in a 2008 study published in *Ecology Letters*, "uncertainties remain" about the "optimal design" of MPA networks. On a basic, common-sense level, these uncertainties are rooted in the inverse relationship between size and spacing. As summarized by the *Ecology Letters* study: "increasing the size of the no-take zone increases the density of commercial fishes within the reserve compared to outside; whereas the size of the buffer zone has the opposite effect". Obviously, marine life is better protected by larger MPAs, with smaller spaces between MPAs. Science is currently unsure about how best to negotiate this inverse relationship between MPA size and spacing within the context of socio-economic impact.

Current science suggests that areas of high-density, mid-sized MPAs (like the Petrolia complex) afford a high degree of protection for species biodiversity and population. One 2009 study, for example, found that in terms of protecting the various species' larval dispersal, "sustainability of long distance dispersers requires a specific density of MPAs along the coast", while "for short distance dispersers, high yields will require many small MPAs". Thus, for species with either long- or short- distance larval dispersal ranges, MPA networks afford more protection when the MPAs small or medium-sized and closer together.

Science would benefit from the comparative study opportunity afforded by the unique Petrolia complex: an area of mid-sized, closely-spaced MPAs embedded within a much more loosely-spaced network of mid-sized MPAs. Since the two design configurations have in common MPA size and ecological conditions (i.e. both MPA designs are in northern California, instead of comparing one in Norway to one in Kenya) variables would be minimal in such a comparative study.

¹⁶ black rockfish, brown rockfish, cabezon, redtail surfperch, red abalone, red sea urchin, Dungeness crab, *Draft Methods*, p. 90.

¹⁷ See discussion under "Goal 3" below.

¹⁸ Claudet et al, "Marine reserves", abstract.

¹⁹ Botsford et al, "Connectivity", 69.

o Goal 4

The Petrolia complex "protects representative and unique marine habitats" better than the Round 1 Gorda MPAs. As listed on p. 5 above (under "Comparison..."), the cluster captures the sea lion and sea bird colonies at Cape Mendocino, Steamboat, and Sea Lion Gulch, none of which are captured by the external arrays. The cluster also replicates more "rocky reef >100m" and "soft bottom 30-100m" than the Round 1 Gorda MPAs – habitats designated as "rare or unevenly distributed".²⁰

o Goal 5

The Petrolia complex achieves Goal 5 ("clear objectives, effective management, adequate enforcement, and sound science") as nearly as possible.

No sound science is available on the Mattole-Gorda area (sound science being reasonably recent data based on actual recorded observations rather than digital imaging or proxy extrapolations). As discussed above, for example, about a mile of sandy beach at Cooskie Creek is incorrectly recorded as "rocky shore" on Marine Map and in the regional profile.²¹ As outlined above under "Goal 4", the MPA at Sea Lion Gulch may help facilitate study opportunities and effective management.

The cluster does have clear objectives:

- to meet the goals of the MLPA (Goals 1 6)
- to serve as a "backbone" MPA in the NCSR network (mostly Goals 1, 2)
- to avoid the inacceptable, disproportionate impact that the Round 1 Gorda MPA would have on the residents of the Mattole Valley (avoiding disproportionate impact is also a goal of the MLPA).

The complex ensures enforcement feasibility. DFG wardens are able to visually monitor the MPAs from several on-shore locations accessible by road: for example, "the wall" above Sugarloaf, Windy Point, Spanish Hill. The complex's MPA borders comply with DFG feasibility criteria, being straight lines anchored on full minutes of latitude or visible landmarks (see discussion of the offshore SMR below, p. 10). The complex also increases the enforcement feasibility of the proposed special closure around Sugarloaf by placing an MPA right on the border of this special closure: in other words, rather than a sudden, unique special closure around Sugarloaf, the Sugarloaf closure can be seen as part of the adjoining Cape Mendocino SMR. The southern boundary of the Sea Lion – Spanish SMR is the only boundary that may need to be anchored on a more clearly visible point than its current landmark (a large creek gorge lining up with the peak of Spanish Hill). If DFG must to move this boundary south to the highly visible Spanish Creek, Petrolia will not object too strenuously.

o Goal 6

The Petrolia complex improves the external arrays' function "as a network" by:

- replicating almost all of the key habitats (coming within 2 tenths of a mile for 0-30m rock, and only truly falling short with "kelp" which is impossible to capture in the northern bioregion due to the 10-mile port buffer zone at Crescent City),
- helping to meet the spacing guidelines,
- capturing unique or rare habitats and features such as deep canyon, marine mammal colonies, kelp beds, rocky reef 0-30m, rocky reef >100m, soft bottom 30-100m.

Compared to the Round 1 Gorda MPA, the Petrolia cluster serves the spirit of the MLPA more effectively and meets the science guidelines as fully or more.

²⁰ See discussions in *Draft Methods*, at pp. xi-xii, 38, 45.

²¹ The SAT does acknowledge mediate the impact of these data scarcities. See *Draft Methods*, pp. 30-34, 41.

Other considerations

Enforcement

Due to the remoteness and limited access to the public beaches in this area, the community contributes significantly to enforcing regulations. For example, we call BLM when we find tire tracks on the beach. We need to have access to our marine resources; it is integral to our lifestyle and culture. We will continue to help enforce conservation regulations that protect these resources and our access to them.

o Socioeconomic: unique situation

Current human participation in the marine ecosystem at Cape Mendocino, the Mattole, and Punta Gorda is minimal and sustainable.²² Today humans harvest these resources even less often than they did during the floruit of the Native American settlements – as evinced by the large mussel shell middens deposited on the beach near the mouth of the Mattole.²³ The area is extremely inaccessible, as illustrated roughly by the map below. ²⁴ The narrow, pitted road in to Petrolia makes Highway 1 to Fort Bragg look like I-5.



Hardly anyone comes here. Human participants in the marine ecosystem are limited to the residents of the Mattole Valley and recreational divers and kayak fishermen from neighboring regions. A 2002 DFG study of abalone harvest found that in that year, an average of 1,486 abalone were taken at each site. Only 469 abalone were taken at Punta Gorda. On the rare occasions when conditions are favorable, recreational fishing vessels from Shelter Cove or Eureka may come for rockfish or halibut; this happens rarely because of the long distance, extremely unpredictable weather patterns, and the availability of good rockfish and halibut alternatives closer to their harbors. Salmon season has not opened around the Mattole for years in order to protect the Mattole River's salmon stocks, and is unlikely to open again in the foreseeable future. Fishing vessels over 14 feet – whether commercial or recreational – have little reason to ply the waters around the Mattole and Punta Gorda. That is why the fishing interest groups were happy to place a huge SMR "backbone" MPA in this area on their Round 1 external arrays; they lost nothing by designating the Mattole-Gorda area as an SMR. Very little marine harvest occurs here.

²² It is more scientifically sound to view "human participation" as a natural feature of the marine ecosystem, rather than to view the total absence of human impact as the natural or "original" state of the marine ecosystem.

²³ Information about the Native American archaeological remains (village sites, midden heaps, burial sites), contact the local BLM office at: PO Box 189, Whitethorn, CA 95589, (707) 986-5411, or see the informational display at Mattole Beach.

²⁴ Google Maps map with labels drawn in.

²⁵. Kalvass and Geibel, Abalone Fishery Catch and Effort Estimates for 2002, 'Figure 3'.

²⁶ The season closures are advocated by the local Salmon Group and the Mattole Restoration Council, who monitor the river's salmon population. See www.mattolesalmon.org, and www.mattole.org.

These factors are difficult to quantify or express within the science guidelines models, but they are no less real or significant to the achievement of the goals of the MLPA. The reality is that human impact on the Mattole-Gorda area is minimal due to the remoteness of the region. There is little profit for fishing vessels from Eureka/Trinidad or Shelter Cove to fish there. Recreational abalone divers hit dive spots much closer to home (it takes two hours of difficult road to reach the Mattole beach, whether you come from 101 south at Avenue of the Giants or 101 north at Ferndale). The three MPAs of the Petrolia cluster will further discourage non-local marine harvest. Cape Mendocino is a popular stopping-point for out of town divers, so closing it will reduce their desire to make that long drive to search for new dive spots. If there was little profit in Eureka/Trinidad or Shelter Cove fishing vessels making the trip to rockfish in the Mattole-Gorda area, there will be even less reason to make the long trip to fish in the small 5 ½ and 3 mile brackets between the three MPAs. So who will utilize the small gaps between the three MPAs? People from the Mattole Valley and surrounding regions – the concerned citizens who came to the Petrolia MLPA meetings and signed our petitions – will be able to continue their environmentally low-impact, culturally definitive shore harvest and fishing from kayaks and zodiacs.

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Addendum A: limitations to adjusting the Petrolia MPA borders

The following points are a summary of the Petrolia community's "bottom line" with respect to the borders of the MPAs developed at the May 19th Crescent City work session. Whenever the RSG, SAT, or BRTF feels compelled to adjust the borders of the three Petrolia MPAs, we hope that you will keep in mind that the limits below.

We generally are in favor of placing conservation areas on our coast to protect the marine life that is integral to our culture, it is crucial that we hold to the limitations outlined below. Sacrificing ground beyond these limitations would significantly damage – rather than protect – the integral role of marine life in our culture and lifestyle. We are already giving up a lot of ground (more than other communities). The nearest SMR north is 70 miles away (Redding Rock), and the nearest SMR south is 50 miles away (Ten Mile), while Petrolia is giving up 30 square miles of the only ocean access within 2 hours of driving distance.

Thank you for considering these points.

- Cape Mendocino Steamboat SMR
 - o must not capture the rocks around Devil's Gate:

A number of Petrolia folks gather mussels, seaweed, and abs there. We launch our Zodiacs at Zanoni's beach to rockfish near Devil's Gate. Also, non-Petrolia kayak fishermen and divers use this area. A huge number of Petrolia people, and others who have signed our petition, would be seriously impacted by the loss of shore and rock fishing area south of Steamboat Rock around Devil's Gate. Moving the boundary south of Steambot Rock / Dry Creek would also compromise DFG enforcement feasibility.

- Mattole Canyon Offshore SMR
 - o must be feasible for Fish & Game enforcement:

DFG has been supportive of this offshore shape because it captures a unique habitat (the only canyon in the northern bioregion). However, this support is contingent on enforcement feasibility. Currently the boundaries are on full minutes of latitude, and a longitudinal line clearly demarcated by Gorda Rock (40°14′58N, 124°22′05W); DFG seems happy with this. The road up Windy Point provides easy access for wardens. This MPA area can extend as far north and south as necessary, but it must not touch the shore (for enforcement feasibility reasons). The downside of extending it south is that it would reduce the halibut grounds that will be opened up when the old offshore Gorda SMR goes away (if it goes away).

o no hybrid shape with SMCA on shore:

An onshore SMCA that allows any shore harvest would have an LOP below "moderate-high", so it wouldn't "count" toward meeting the science guidelines; such an SMCA would serve no purpose whatsoever in the NCSR MPA network. In addition, at the Petrolia community meetings (and elsewhere), people have been very clear that they do not want any kind of protected area along the shore. From a conservation point of view, the mouth of the Mattole is already protected under several designations. The beach itself south of the mouth is already protected by BLM as a wilderness area (no vehicles, etc.). Furthermore, the human participation in the shore ecology here is minimal, even compared to what it was during the floruit of the tribal settlements (as evinced by the large mussel shell miden heaps on the beach). The need for a protected area along the shore is negligible compared to the significant need to allow subsistence marine harvest to local people.

- Sea Lion Spanish SMR
 - o <u>must not extend north of Sea Lion Gulch (Sea Lion Rock on northern end of the gulch, 40°14'20.50N, 124°20'03.50W)</u>:

A high percentage of the Petrolia population ab dives, gathers seaweed and mussels, and rock fishes in the area from Punta Gorda to Sea Lion Gulch. We are already giving up Sea Lion, a favorite spot. Petrolia is not willing to give up ground north of Sea Lion Gulch.

Other considerations

o trade False Cape MPA for Cape Mendocino MPA:

Out of consideration for the needs of other Humboldt County fishing interests, our intention with proposing the Cape Mendocino – Steamboat SMR was to use it as a replacement for a proposed False Cape MPA. We advocate the removal of the False Cape MPA and its replacement with Petrolia's Cape Mendocino – Steamboat SMR. A special closure would protect Sugarloaf itself. The safety of the fishermen would be at risk if, to avoid a False Cape MPA, they faced a choice of slogging 15 miles back home empty or plunging into the often capricious maelstrom of Cape Mendocino. Human marine life should be preserved too.

o rehabilitation of abs around Steamboat and Sugarloaf:

Some of us have noticed that the abs around Steamboat and Sugarloaf are very depleted and small. It would be fine with us to close this area. *N.B.* this is where that bad shipwreck happened years ago, so latent pollution might have something to do with the poor ab stocks.

o <u>If possible, the Sea Lion – Spanish SMR should not extend south into Rogers Break (located at about 40°12′20N to 40°11′50N):</u>

Shelter Cove fishermen are adamant that Rogers Break is crucial to their fishing industry, and they do not want Roger's Break to be captured by this MPA. Petrolia supports this view; we would like to see Roger's Break left open to fishing. However, if it is a question of moving the Sea Lion – Spanish MPA borders north beyond Sea Lion Gulch or south to Spanish Creek, Petrolia must emphatically vote to sacrifice Roger's Break. The ground between Punta Gorda and Sea Lion is *very* important to the Petrolia community.

Addendum B: Petition and signatures

(as of 25.May.2010)

The following pages are scanned images of the signatures collected in support of our petition to stop the closure of fishing and marine gathering at Mattole. The petition was first drafted by Stephen Umbertis and Cisco Benemann, and then edited by attendees of the community meeting on April 13th at the school. Four stakeholders were present at this meeting: Pete Nichols, Jennifer Savage, Kevin McGrath, Tim Classen.

In the 6 days between this community meeting and the Stakeholder Work Session in Fort Bragg (19-21 April), our petitions gathered 647 signatures at locations in Petrolia, Honeydew, Ferndale, Eureka, Fortuna, and elsewhere. After April 21st, the petition was left only at Petrolia store; signatures now total 716.

When the petition was written on April 13th, the Petrolia MPA that had been proposed on all eight Round 1 external arrays was an 18-26 mile square stretching from about Mussel Rock in the north to about Lighthouse in the south. People from the valley and surrounding Humboldt County areas were outraged at this proposal. Anyone who attended the two Petrolia MLPA meetings will probably feel that "outraged" is an understatement. What upset people most was the lack of representation: nobody had been appointed to the RSG as a Stakeholder representing the interests of the Mattole community, which was obviously why the huge closure was being foisted upon us.

At the April 13th community meeting, three options for preventing closure of all marine harvest around the Mattole and Punta Gorda were developed. Please note that the SMCA and SMCA hybrid options listed on the petition are not really feasible because an SMCA allowing shore harvest (about 75% of what we do) would drop the LOP to below "medium-high", so the habitats captured would not count toward meeting the science guidelines. We did not know this detail at the time.

The strength of public opinion on this issue is amply demonstrated by the 647 signatures collected in only 6 days back in April. The presence of these petitions at various businesses around the county was not communicated through the media, but simply by word of mouth. The petition at the Petrolia Store continues to collect signatures even now.

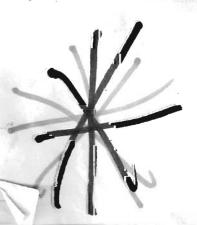


This Petition is put forward by the Mattole residents and community members who support the preservation of traditional subsistence fishing and gathering rights from the inter-tidal areas and immediate coastal waters of the Lost Coast. The ability to gather shellfish, mollusks, seaweed, and rockfish (including abalone, mussels, scallops, Dungeness crab, urchins, and clams) is intrinsic to our local heritage and community identity. Marine resources have been an essential part of human existence in the Mattole. Current uses are probably a fraction of the historic Native American use, which is evidenced by large shell piles still on the beach today. We ask that the MLPA Initiative and the Department of Fish and Game preserve this important heritage for current and future generations of the Mattole community.

The current proposals expand the area of existing reserves and further restrict access to marine resources at Punta Gorda, creating an undue burden on the residents of the Mattole. If the proposed areas are closed to any gathering, Mattole residents have no feasible nearby alternatives.

- 1) The signatories of this Initiative propose splitting the MPA currently under review to create one SMCA from Cape Mendocino and stretching north to False Cape, and the second from the Punta Gorda Lighthouse, stretching south to Cooskie Creek.
- 2) Should the MPA not be moved, we propose creating a hybrid MPA dividing the MPA into a State Marine Reserve on the west, and a State Marine Conservation Area to the east, with the dividing line along a longitudinal line running through Gorda Buoy (124.22.3 degrees).
- 3) As our third choice we would endorse External Array C, which designates the area as a State Marine Conservation Area.

Allowable uses for all options would be recreational fishing, including abalone harvest, crabbing, seaweed harvest, mussel harvest, surf-fishing, kayak fishing, and rock-fishing.





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From: Lonnie Dollarhide

Sent: Thursday, June 03, 2010 6:36 PM **To:** MLPAInitiative@lists.ceres.ca.gov

Subject: MPA

We here on the north coast feel that we dont need MPA here on the north coast. In all reality, we already have MPA. Their are areas that no one goes to. The reason for that is its to far to travel in a boat, and we dont haft to go that far to catch a fish. I believe this whole process isnt about the fish, its about corporate greed. We dont want offshore drilling, wave energy projects, corporate agriculture. Please tell me how to tell a kid that we cant go catch a rockfish anymore. This whole ordeal is very sad.

Lonnie Dollarhide Eureka, CA From: Petrolia Volunteer Fire Department Sent: Sunday, June 06, 2010 3:28 PM

To: MLPAComments Cc: Abi Queen Subject: BRTF

As a native of the Mattole Valley, I respectfully request your consideration in accepting Petrolia's Proposal of three MPAs as a backbone "high protection" MPA cluster. The three MPAs reflect a creative, community-supported approach and were desinged to function together to achieve a high level of compliance with SAT guidelines and BRFT direction while respecting socio-cultural consideration.

Cordially

Travis Howe, chief Petrolia Fire Department Albert A Tennant 200 Salmon Harbor Rd Smith River Ca 95567 Rodmanal@charter.net JUNE 3 2010

Background: I have been fishing the Red Tailed perch for the past 40 years in the area from Orick Ca to Coos Bay Or. For ten years was a participant in the Oregon Red tail research program conducted by the state of oregon and the univ. of oregon. Darrell Pruden ODFish & Wildlife instituted and managed this program thru Dec 2000, before retiring. I believe program is still in progress at charleston oregon. We learned much while participating in this program. Primarily the migratory habits of the perch as well as feeding habits, age, mateing, gestation periods, species seperation at time of birthing etc.

One major factor that is commonly known by red tail perch fisherman is the fact the females will collect in large schools at the mouth of all major north coast rivers for weeks prior to giving birth. Some biologist contend these fish will birth in the fresh water, While other biologist Darrell Pruden contends there is no evidence that he has found that these fish birth outside salt water. Regardless in any event these schools of pregnant females eager to feed are easily caught and fill the buckets of equally eager fishermen each year. The birthing periods are July through August each year and can witnessed at the mouth of all major rivers here on the extreme north coast. Rivers such as Klamath , Smith and rouge. There should be some protection for these fish if we are to enjoy this fishery in the future. I personally believe as many of my fishing friends the mouth of these rivers , to include 500 yards each way should be closed to perch fishing for at least through July and August. Al Tennant

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June 1, 2010

Ken Wiseman, Executive Director
California Marine Life Protection Act Initiative
1416 Ninth Street, Suite 1311
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: MLPA Regional Profile

We are in receipt of your letter dated March 5, 2010 requesting a profile showing aboriginal ties to the California Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) North Coast Study Region.

Our tribal members have lived on this part of the Coast since time immemorial, predating the establishment of both the United States and the State of California. On March 3, 1853, the Mendocino Indian Reservation was established as part of California's five military Reservation systems authorized by Congress. Our aboriginal lands were used as part of this Reservation which stretched from what is now Caspar to the Humboldt County Border, three miles inland.

Over the course of many years through political motives, questionable land acquisitions, aggressive natural resource extraction, and commercial activities, many of our people became landless California Indians. In 1909, several disposed families purchased a small piece of land within our ancestral range, which became the Sherwood Valley Rancheria.

Through time, our tribal members maintained continuous ties to our entire aboriginal area, using core Native American religious concepts of reciprocity. Our land sustains our people, and each season different foods are available for harvest just as they have been for millennia. Many of our villages were on and near the Coast and these same places retain invaluable reverence because now they symbolize and honor the footsteps of our ancestors.

Our homeland is very special, and we have shared our sacred landscapes with other Tribes during times of bounty. There are ancient stories of tribal people, both within what is now California and far beyond, speaking to ancient trade routes with our people. Our shell money, abalone ornaments, and other local crafts can be found in archaeological sites throughout the Americas.

For decades now, our tribal members have been concerned about overuse of our ocean's bounty. Poachers have been seen in our subsistence areas, and now we are the ones being sanctioned and restricted from "taking" precious sustenance from our homeland.

Traditional cultural practitioners within our Tribe have harvested seaweed, kelp, abalone, mussels, smelt, perch, sea anemone, and other seafoods since time immemorial. Traditional people have returned to certain places through time, without announcing to the world or notifying local governments of their activities. We do so, because it is in the best interests of our families, ancestors, that we protect these places as the original stewards.

We welcome co-management plans, tribal exclusions, or other means where our tribal members will not be harassed or cited for continuing to provide for our families. We would like to be considered a partner in protecting our Coast, just as we have been protecting our homeland for at least 12,000 years, we look forward to protecting it for future generations.

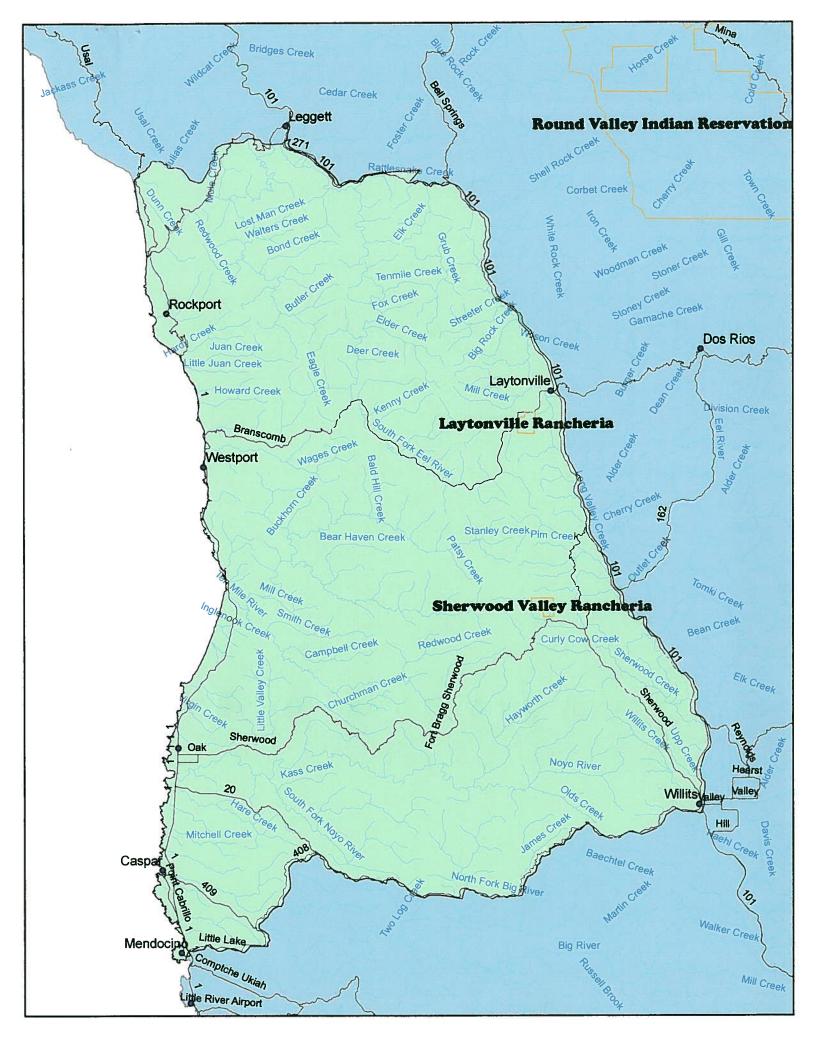
Sherwood Valley Rancheria looks forward to working with you to improve communication, tribal consultation, and improve government-to-government relationships. If you have any further questions or additional comments, please contact me at (707) 459-9690 or Hillary Renick, Sherwood Valley Tribal Historic Preservation Officer at chishkinmen@gmail.com.

Thank you for providing us with this opportunity to acknowledge our history, culture, and religion.

Sincerely,

Scarlett Carmona

Tribal Administrator



RESOLUTION TO PROTECT AND PRESERVE ABORIGINAL GATHERING RIGHTS ON THE MENDOCINO COAST

Resolution # 12-21-09-01

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Band of Pomo Indians (Tribe) is federally recognized by the Secretary of the Interior as a sovereign Indian Tribe with inherent powers of self-government; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria is governed under a Constitution and Bylaws duly adopted and approved by the Secretary of the Interior on July 25, 1974; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria is located within aboriginal homelands, and has continued to use and occupy these ancestral lands which are now part of Mendocino County, California; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria is the successor of the Mendocino Indian Reservation established by Act of Congress on March 3, 1853, and many tribal members remain upon these lands and rely upon these lands for subsistence; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria as the original stewards of this land retain original usufructary rights to protect the land, air, water, and food sources upon our homeland; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria people have freely gathered coastal resources since time immemorial, and protection of the aboriginal food sources and traditional gathering places is a fundamental human right; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria acknowledges the importance of protecting and maintaining historical, cultural, archaeological, and sacred sites, which is essential to the survival of future generations of Sherwood Valley people; and

WHEREAS: The Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribal Council, as representatives of individual tribal members, strives to promote and perpetuate the protection of natural resources for future generations; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Sherwood Valley Rancheria Tribal Council hereby requests a tribal exclusion under the California Marine Life Protection Initiative which will enable unobstructed access to gather traditional foods within our homelands of Mendocino County. Sherwood Valley Tribal citizenship cards shall act in lieu of State of California permits within coastal homelands from Mendocino to the Sinkyone Wilderness, California.

CERTIFICATION

The Sherwood Valley Tribal Council does hereby certify that at a meeting duly called, notice and convened on the 21st day of December 2009, where a quorum was present, this action was duly adopted by a vote of <u>5</u> for, <u>0</u> against, and <u>0</u> abstaining.

Michael Fitzgerral, Tribal Chairman

12-21-09

Date

Stacey Phillips, Tribal Secretary

Date

From: Firefly

Sent: Tuesday, June 08, 2010 8:00 PM

To: MLPAComments

Cc: info@anhcampaign.org; Josh Levy; info@westcoastgreen.com; info@nomorevictims.org; Sergio; Ser

info@womensmediacenter.com; Ned Ruthrauff; WOMEN; marilyn@gatherthewomen.org

Subject: UNBLOCK CALIF SACRED SITES--UPHOLD NATIVE RIGHTS TO HARVEST seaweed, abalone,

mussels

ALOHA Marine Life Protection Act,

HELLO & GOODBYE!

[under the Marine Life Protection Act. members of the Kashia Pomo Tribe and other tribes are now banned from their traditional seaweed, abalone and mussel harvesting grounds by the creation of a no-take marine reserve off Stewarts Point in Sonoma County. CA]

RE: CALIFORNIA NO TAKE MARINE RESERVE

What prevents the California legislature from exempting local indigenous tribes from this onerous No Take Marine Reserve law?

The destructive & disrespectful dominant *alien* white culture has decimated more than half of the previous bounty of Alta California and Turtle Island (North America).

The same tin hearted people passed a law that makes it illegal for all Californians including the *very few* original indigenous inhabitants --who were here *before* anyone else -- to harvest marine life.

Indigenous folks have been harvesting from Nature, wayyyyyyyyyyy before the alien white race arrived. Indigenous folks gather for sustenance of body and Soul unlike the typical la la land non natives. Nice going! Is it any wonder that the Golden State is bankrupt? It is called karma or blowback!

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2. Kashaya Pomo and Traditional Sea Access

(modified from

http://www.indybay.org/newsitems/2010/05/29/18649163.php and http://www.fishsniffer.com/forums/content.php?r=221)

For thousands of years, tribes in what is now the State of California have gathered seaweed, mussels, abalone and fish from the inter-tidal zone for subsistence and ceremonial purposes. However, under the Marine Life Protection Act. members of the Kashia Pomo Tribe and other tribes are now banned from their traditional seaweed, abalone and mussel harvesting grounds by the creation of a no-take marine reserve off Stewarts Point in Sonoma County.

Beginning May 1, new closures imposed under the MLPA ban the Kashia Pomo Tribe from their traditional gathering and ceremonial site off Danaka (Stewarts Point) in Sonoma County, a site sacred to the tribe. "I don't think the Fish and Game Commission would be allowed to close down a Catholic Church, would they?" said Violet Chappell, Kashia Pomo Tribe Elder at a blessing ceremony on April 30.

The Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) is a landmark law passed by the Legislature and signed by Governor Gray Davis in 1999. Under Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger's Marine Life Protection Act (MLPA) process has shown no respect for the religious, subsistence and ceremonial rights of coastal tribes.

Schwarzenegger's MLPA Initiative has openly violated numerous state, federal and international laws, including the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples, the Bagley-Keene Open Meetings Act and the First Amendment of the U.S. Constitution.

We respect the concern for marine life and the need to protect and regenerate fisheries and ecosystems that have been depleted. We don't have to do this by blocking sacred site access and interfering with indigenous harvesting rights.

For more information about the violation of indigenous subsistence, cultural and religious rights under the MLPA, go to: http://www.fishsniffer.com/forums/content.php?r=221 and Violet Wilder's facebook page,

WHAT YOU CAN DO

1. If a CA resident,cContact Gov. Schwarzenegger and the MLPA Initiative and voice your support for traditional harvesting rights and your concern about the violation of the American Indian Religious Freedom Act, the UN Declaration on the Rights of Indigenous Peoples

MLPAComments@resources.ca.gov (916) 654-1885 http://www.dfg.ca.gov/mlpa/getinvolved.asp

2. Go to the Facebook Page "KEEP THE NORTHERN CALIFORNIA BEACHES ACCESSIBLE FOR THE COASTAL TRIBES" (http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=105945012781743).

From: Jack D Forbes

Sent: Wednesday, June 09, 2010 11:39 AM

To: MLPAComments

Subject: Rights of California tribes to coastal resources

Dear MLPAC: I wrote an article some years ago wherein I dealt with Native American rights to food and other resources found in the ocean, rivers, bays, and other waters. I pointed out that the various claims cases dealt only with land surfaces in California and never covered Indigenous ownership rights to adjacent water areas. As is well known, many California tribes were active sea-going people, visiting all islands off of the coast for subsistence and residential purposes as well as for food gathering and fishing et cetera. Thus the unceded rights of Native Californians to the shoreline and waters of the state remain intact and are protected by the Federal government's trust responsibility.

The blocking of Native access to their customary gathering places can only result in financial liability for the state since it would constitute a "taking" of resources without permission or compensation. My article was published in several periodicals. It is on my website under "Native American Issues" as "Fisheries and Bodies of Water." It appeared in NEWS FROM INDIAN COUNTRY, IX (6) Late March 1995; TERRAIN XXV (4) April 1995; and NEWS FROM NATIVE CALIFORNIA 9 (3), Spring 1996, p. 16, as well as in other publications.

Court decisions have consistenly upheld Native American rights and Federal trust protection for those rights. See articles on native American Legal Rights on my website.

Yours truly, Prof. Jack D. Forbes